

**Preliminary Amendment of U.S. National Stage for International Application
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In the Specification:

Please amend the instant Specification, without prejudice, as follows:

Please delete all text above line 9 of page 1, including the heading "Prior Art".

At page 1, above line 9, please add the following new section headings and title of the invention:

--TITLE OF THE INVENTION

**Processes for Fermenting Plant Components, Cosmetic and/or Pharmaceutical Active
Components Prepared Thereby, and Methods of Treating the Skin and/or Hair Therewith**

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

At page 2, line 22 thereof, please delete the heading "Description of the
Invention", and insert the following new section heading and new paragraph:

--BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates, in general, to the cosmetics field and, more particularly, to new active components from fermented plant constituents and/or plant extracts, to a process for their production, to preparations containing these active components and to a number of uses for the new active components.--

At page 3, line 23 thereof, please insert the following new section heading:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--

At page 52, between lines 1 and 2 thereof, please add the following new paragraph: